

## in the news

### INSIDE

The MIT Dramashop concludes its '77-'78 season this week with Ross and Kaufman's *You Can't Take It With You*.

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For over twenty years, Professor Charlie Batterman has been a coach and physical education instructor at MIT. In a recent conversation, he talked about some of the great moments in sports at MIT and reviewed the history of athletics during his stay.

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### EXCERPTS

Anyway, I have learned that the deluge of building projects on the Stanford campus is due to the overpowering wealth of certain eccentric alumni. It seems that the committee which gives the go-ahead on campus construction is often at the mercy of enormously wealthy contributors who want to have their names immortalized on buildings.

For example, my investigations revealed that the main library is being expanded because the money is coming from an alumnus whose name was too large to fit onto the original building. I've also found that the bookstore is being annexed for similar motives of self-glorification. It seems that the money for this project is being donated by an alumnus who made his fortune perfecting an assembly line method of "fixing" tom cats. Apparently, when the bookstore annex opens it will sell only contraceptives for pets, or offer them lessons in the rhythm method.

I also discovered that the construction of the quadrangle was funded by one of the Parker Brothers and that the structure was originally intended to resemble a Monopoly board, with the math corner as "Do Not Pass Go" and Memorial Church structured like a hotel on Park Place. Unfortunately, the project never materialized because administration officials would not accept the Parker Brothers' monopoly money.

— John Markus  
*The Stanford Daily*

### ERRATA

The letter to the editor by Brian F. Aull G in last Friday's issue should have read "To the extent to which this broadens men's perspectives as individuals it is masculinity at its best. For this reason, male chauvinism is just as much an insult to the status of men as it is to the status of women." The words in italics were inadvertently left out.

## ACSR wants 3-M to leave S. Africa

By Bob Wasserman

The Advisory Committee on Shareholder Responsibility (ACSR) has recommended that the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company (3-M) cease further investment in South Africa and also terminate its current operations there. The committee approved a shareholder proposal defining these actions by a vote of four ayes, two nays, and two abstentions at their meeting last Thursday.

The vote departed from recent recommendations by the committee stipulating only that corporations not expand in South Africa, while allowing them to keep their present operations intact. Voting with the stockholders' demand for 3-M's withdrawal were Ford

Professor of Urban Studies and Planning Frank Jones, Institute Professor Robert Solow, Eric Crouse G, and Carrick Davidson '78. Crouse and Davidson are the only two student members of the committee.

The proposal seemed destined to be voted down in the beginning of the committee's discussion. Walter Milne, Secretary of the ACSR, said that 3-M was among "the top 10 to 15 percent of companies" in regard to "favorable" response to a recent letter asking each company to provide specific information on its South African operations.

There was also a question about the proposal that 3-M pull out of South Africa "as expeditiously as possible" unless

apartheid is ended. Several committee members felt it would be better for 3-M to remain in South Africa since it treats employees better than most companies.

Chairman George Thorn, who eventually abstained on the proposal, said that the committee was "caught in the technicality of the proxy." Jones also complained of this matter, saying, "We've put ourselves in a reactive position. We are forced to vote on what's served up to us."

On Jones' request, the committee began to change its opinion toward the proxy question, and Solow added, "If we err in our decision, I'd rather do it on the limitation side of the proposal." This, however, was the extent of Solow's liberalism concerning the matter, as he concluded, "Divest-

ment by MIT is kinky-dink, and I don't think American companies should pull out of South Africa."

The ACSR also voted on an Exxon proxy which included a shareholder proposal concerning experimentation on animals. The shareholders proposed that Exxon should not give money to organizations who conduct animal experimentation unless a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine was on hand. The committee felt that present federal regulations are stringent enough, and Solow deemed the proposal "picayune."

Also voted down was a stockholders proposal requesting the Lockheed Corporation to report its full financial operations even to minute details in a stockholders' report. A proposal that Lockheed "avoid business dealings with the Communist countries," including commerce and trade relations, was turned down as well.

The two-hour meeting began with a review of the MIT Executive Committee's refusal to uphold an ACSR recommendation to have Kodak stop selling photographic equipment to South Africa. Jones said that he was "disappointed by the Executive Committee's vote on Kodak. Harvard and Yale voted against Kodak's sales in this area, and MIT's decision is a very bad sign." Davidson too was critical, saying, "I don't understand the MIT Corporation's reasoning. It seems like a small sacrifice," referring to Kodak's sales to the South African government.

The meeting ended on a note of self-examination by the committee, as Davidson showed concern over the role of the committee and its public image. On this issue, Milne said that "divestment is within preview of this committee, at least for recommendation." The other members seemed to feel, however, that they had to wait until the Corporation Joint Advisory Committee deemed divestment to be under the ACSR's scrutiny.

## Eight have depledged frats

By Paul Weber  
and Dick Cohen

Of the 360 freshmen who pledged fraternities last fall, only eight have depledged, according to Barbara Hill '80, Vice Chairman of the Interfraternity Conference. All eight have been accommodated by the MIT housing system with little difficulty, reported Alice Seelinger, Secretary of the Dean of Student Affairs.

Hill stated that one of the major reasons for depledging is the large distance from most fraternity houses to the MIT campus. Some pledges leave their fraternity because they want a change of accommodations and a chance to meet different people, she added. Seelinger, according to the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs, interviews each student and scrutinizes and records the depledgings, which usually occur shortly after rush and after Christmas. The office has discovered no legally aberrant situations in the fraternities.

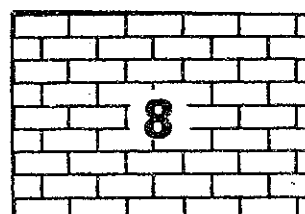
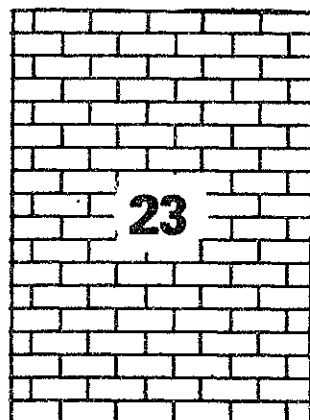
MIT's fraternity system is the largest in New England, Hill mentioned, both in respect to the number of fraternities represented and to the total number of student members.

Seelinger called it "crucial" that the fraternities have a successful rush, since otherwise the dormitory system is greatly pressured to make room for the excess

freshmen. Further difficulties arise when the Institute underestimates the number of incoming freshmen, since all freshmen are guaranteed a place in the Institute housing system if they so desire. This problem occurred last fall when about 100 more students decided to attend M.I.T. than the Admissions Office had anticipated.

### Frat depledging

Ten years ago . . . And today



Benson Margulies

## BC bans abortion ads from Heights

By Jordana Hollander

As a result of pressure from Boston College administrators, *The Heights*, an independent student newspaper, has agreed not to run any advertisements mentioning abortion services provided by various women's health clinics.

In a letter from Kevin P. Duffy, Boston College Vice President for Student Affairs, the weekly paper was ordered not to accept any more such advertising, under threat of being evicted from its offices. The demand was endorsed by Boston College's President, Reverend J. Donald Monan, S.J.

The letter to the editorial board stated that the appearance of such advertising in *The Heights* was in opposition to the school's Catholic tradition and to the Church's stand against abortion.

The newspaper's first reaction to the letter was to question the administration's right to control the paper's advertising. *The Heights* is financially independent from Boston College; its only connection is the office space it

leases from the school. The lease comes up for renewal every June.

According to Paul McPartland, the paper's Editor-in-Chief, the editorial board was determined to fight the administration on the question of their right to interfere, and not on the abortion issue. In one of its editorials, the paper stated that the ads mentioning abortion services did not represent an endorsement of abortion but rather an attempt to provide readers with information.

In preliminary negotiations with the administration, the paper proposed to print a disclaimer stating that material appearing in *The Heights* did not represent the views of Boston College. However, the administration was adamant about the removal of everything concerning abortion, although it did not make any additional demands, as the staff had feared it would.

McPartland said that the paper was given the choice of either removing references to abortion from the women's services ads or moving off campus. Although the

paper's original intention was to move, it soon became apparent that moving off campus would severely damage the paper, McPartland noted. The only available office space is situated more than a mile from the campus. After an earlier dispute, *The Heights* had gone off campus,

but was nearly forced to fold, and had to return.

In view of the limited extent of the administration's demand and the hazards facing the paper if it moves off campus, *The Heights* agreed to remove the word "abortion" from the offending ads in the future, said McPartland.



Because of rain, the almost two dozen participants in the Seventh Annual J. Edgar Hoover Memorial Dope Party took cover under the Great Dome. This is the sixth consecutive year that it has rained on a "party" day. (Photo by Steve Kirsch)



## Observations on *Homo academicus*

*Editor's note: It is widely recognized here and elsewhere that college students are among the stranger of the many breeds of people. Following is an observation on college students made 36 years ago which somehow seems valid even now. (Reprinted from May 1942)*

Here in Cambridge, land of the Crimson, home of the engineers

### Looking back

the monsoons have confirmed the presence of finals time, otherwise known as spring. At this time it is a simple matter to recognize the three types of individuals comprising a student body, namely the "college boys", the athletes and the working class.

The college boy is known to everyone. He is noted for wearing Brooks Bros. suits with dirty

white sneakers, or dirty chinos with plaid sport jackets. He is unable to decide which is the most natural and generally covers up the whole works with a raincoat.

In the spring when the rain stops, many a young man's fancy turns to ... baseball, lacrosse, and the discus. After all, jockstraps keep generous alumni happy and, as the Georgia Tech *Technique* points out, student support is increasing. As an example, MIT baseball games are now consistently drawing at least ten or eleven fans per game. Jockstraps are great, though. Most of their friends are the college boys who act as interpreters.

Last, and certainly least, we have the backbone of MIT, America's hope for technological

superiority, the students. They are conspicuous for their ability to amaze their dates with completely unrehearsed gems like, "I worked out the neatest integral problem last week," or "Do you think it's right for atoms to be split?"

For them comes this piece of advice by Dick Wasserman of the *Duke Chronicle*: "Instead of going to an ADULT movie or reading a dirty book, it is much cheaper to obtain at least vicarious satisfaction by simply buying two rabbits."

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**UN condemns South Africa on Angolan raid** — South African forces went through South-West Africa and then into Angola last week in a "limited military operation" to combat Angolan terrorist guerrillas who have been making forays into South-West Africa, which is under South African rule. The United Nations Security Council consequently passed unanimously a resolution condemning South Africa and demanding immediate withdrawal from Angola.

## Nation

**Carter blames unequal justice on lawyers** — At the 100th anniversary meeting of the Los Angeles Bar Association last week, President Carter told lawyers in a speech that their profession has been a major factor contributing to inequities in the justice system. He stated that "nearly all [prison] inmates are drawn from the ranks of the powerless and the poor," and criticized the way "big shot crooks escape the consequences of their acts" through money and string-pulling.

**"Son of Sam" killer confesses murders** — David Berkowitz, the defendant in the "Son of Sam" killings, testified in court yesterday admitting guilt in the six New York murders which were widely publicized last year. He also said he was responsible for setting some 2,000 fires in the Bronx between 1974 and 1977. He had reported some of these fires himself to the police, calling himself the "Phantom of the Bronx."

## Campus

**New House Manager wins Big Screw Contest** — Following are the final standings for last week's Big Screw '78 contest:

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3. Jeffrey Goldstone, Professor of Physics ..... 124.16
4. Thomas Greytak, CAP Chairman ..... 115.08
5. Anne Hunter, Humanities secretary ..... 57.55
6. Louis Braida, Assoc. Professor of EE & CS ..... 53.32
7. William Rastetter, Asst. Professor of Chemistry and Jack Baldwin, Professor of Chemistry ..... 51.89
8. Richard Chandler, Random Hall Manager ..... 43.84
9. Norman Jones, Professor of Ocean Engineering ..... 21.29
10. Stephen Ward, Asst. Professor of EE & CS ..... 16.19

The grand total, including write-ins and other votes, was \$1,144.29, which will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

—Laurence Duffy

## classified advertising

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\* An evening program at the Student Center entitled "Truth, Consciousness, Bliss: Our True Nature" will introduce the Knowledge revealed by Guru Maharaj Ji. Initiator Padarthanand will speak and the Pranam Band will play music. The program is sponsored by the MIT "Within You" Club, and is free and open to all. The program will be held May 11, 8-10pm, in the Sala de Puerto Rico of the Student Center.

\* The New York State Senate has announced the second year of its Senate Legislative Fellows Program for residents of New York State at any stage of graduate study or who have just been awarded a graduate degree. Fellows chosen for this program will receive a salary of \$12,250 for the year beginning September 1978 while working as professional-level staff on standing committees and other units

of the Senate. Applications from students in disciplines not normally associated with political life as well as those in Public Administration and Political Science are welcome. Applications should be completed by June 1. Further information from the Graduate School Office, Room 3-136. \* John King Fairbank, Harvard University's noted interpreter of China, will speak at Cambridge Forum on Wednesday, May 10, 8pm at 3 Church Street, Harvard Square, concerning "Failure and Success: The Chinese Revolution." The forum, which explores issues in the public interest, is open to the public without charge.

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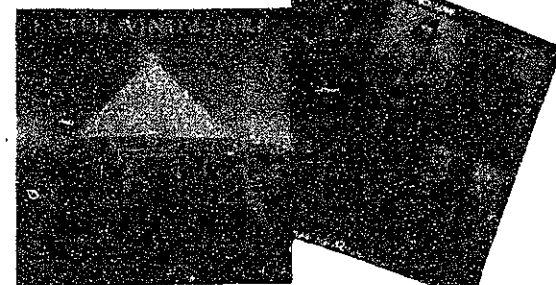
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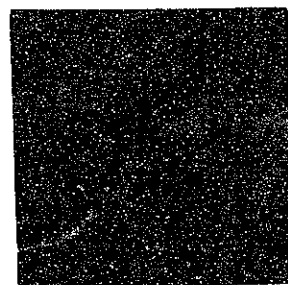
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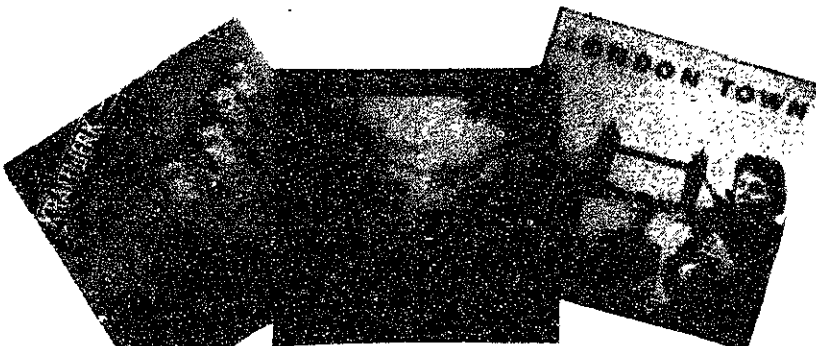
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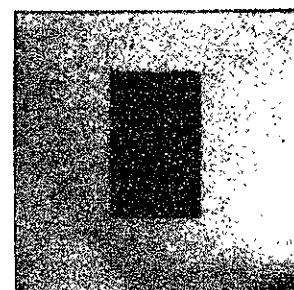
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## opinion

## Is Teddy ready for the big one?

By Bob Wasserman

It's almost time to think about the 1980 Presidential election, and as far as the latest Gallup Poll can determine, Ted Kennedy is way ahead in the race. The Poll showed that he is preferred for the Democratic nomination, as Kennedy received 36 percent of the voter's favor, Carter 29 percent, and California's Jerry Brown 12 percent. In a head-to-head contest, Kennedy came out even further ahead of Carter, 53 percent to 40 percent.

But wait a minute, what does all this popularity mean? Why is Massachusetts Senator Edward Kennedy so popular when it comes to presidential races, when he has repeatedly insisted that he will not run for the Democratic nomination in 1980? You get the feeling he's keeping his word, too, because he didn't run in '76 as well as in earlier elections after saying he wouldn't early in the race.

The reasons for Teddy's reluctance to aspire to the office his brother John held and his brother Bobby would have, stem both from personal and family considerations. His mother Rose is still alive, and as long as she has any influence in the Kennedy clan, no son of hers will get involved in a presidential election.

## something else

Another problem for Kennedy is his personal life, which is nationally news-worthy as are the escapades of any Kennedy. Recent rumours have it that Ted's wife Joan has left him to live in her Boston Back Bay apartment while attending Lesley College (MIT and Harvard socialites beware!). Ted, meanwhile is supposed to be having a relationship with skier Suzy Chaffee in Colorado. "The relationship is purely platonic," says the 31-year-old Chaffee. "If Rockefeller were skiing with Kennedy, would people assume they were having an affair?" No insult to Nelson R. intended, but one has to assume that Ms. Chaffee is more attractive to Ted than even a Rockefeller.

Another episode in Ted's personal life may come back to haunt him if he runs for the big one. Many people still remember the incident at Chappaquiddick nine years ago when Kennedy and his date Mary Jo Kopechne ran off a bridge into the bay leading to her death. It's not so much that Teddy was fooling around after dark that makes one uneasy about the affair, it's Teddy's gutless, or careless, flight from the scene, swimming to safety while Mary Jo drowned. Hell, Jack Kennedy had a few affairs himself, but he also saved several people during World War II in the famous PT-109 episode.

Politically, however, Ted Kennedy has become a good guy. The White House recently made a study of Congressional votes on Carter's policies, and Sen. Kennedy came out the second most favorable to the President. What's more, the two potential rivals are good friends working jointly on a national health insurance plan. Also Ted helped out with the passage of the Panama Canal pact.

It seemed that during the '60's, after Ted had been elected Senator from Massachusetts while in his early 30's, he was still Jack and Bobby's little brother. Now at 46 he has matured and his brothers' auras have dimmed, and he has made a name for himself in the Senate. Next year he will become head of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and he currently is one of the most influential liberals in Congress.

Nevertheless, Kennedy cannot keep the presidency out of his future plans. His credentials and attitude are great; his backing of Carter is also a boost for the Democratic presidency. Thus Teddy has remained a strong party man, while helping with the image of the presidency, a job he may inherit.

So don't count Teddy out of the race for President in 1980. Kennedy probably won't enter the early primaries, even though he'd be a cinch in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. If President Carter should lose to Jerry Brown or someone equally feared by the Democratic establishment in the primaries, Kennedy would be waiting in the wings. The Republican race will be important also, and if one member of the GOP, especially the Southerner Howard Baker, begins sweeping the primaries, Carter might be in trouble. Kennedy probably would not challenge Carter head to head in any state, but if Jimmy should decide not to run for a second term, he would have to throw his support to Kennedy.

It has been almost twenty years since John F. Kennedy was elected President, and fifteen since he was assassinated. Then, America must have been disappointed by the shortness of the youthful, brash, exciting presidency of JFK as it still is today. Four inadequate presidents later, the American public is still yearning for this type of leadership, and Edward Kennedy just might be the best choice for the next chief executive.



## MITpeople are people, too

"Some of my best friends are MITpeople!" — John L. Shelton

This is the first part of a one-part series on MITpeople written by John L. Shelton.

Is MITpeople rights a new issue?

No. In 1865, two days after the first classes were held, the first MITpeople organization, Intellectus Fermus, was formed to combat the already prevailing view of MITpeople. The current MITpeople rights movement in Cambridge did not start until the MIT campus moved to Cambridge, in 1917. Various MITpeople rights activist organizations have been formed in the past sixty years. Most of these are disguised as student

publications, some of which have caused the MITpeople movement to receive widespread public and media attention in the United States.

Can MITpeople be changed to normal people?

If at all, then only with great difficulty. Many techniques have been tried, ranging from in-depth

Are MITpeople sick?

Yes.

Is MITpeople studying as stable as normal studying?

The study relationships of MITpeople present an enigma to society: their success would indicate an error in society's judgment of normal studying. Most of the MITpeople that are successful either remain unknown to the public in order to protect the other members, or are rationalized away as not being truly MIT. (E.g. "Oh, he took his Masters at Yale.") Those that are unsuccessful or shortlived have been pointed at as proof of some innate instability of MITpeople.

Do MITpeople have a tendency towards child molesting?

This is a general misconception. In studies done of child molesters there was no evidence found to support this belief. For example, an American Humane Association study found ten to twelve times as much normal-person child molesting as MITpeople child-molesting. Note: Recent reports show MITpeople comprise 0.0017% of the American adult population.)

Are there married MITpeople?

Yes, there certainly are, and their behavior is certainly synergistic. There is currently research being done at Los Alamos to determine the reason why married MITpeople do not interfere with current theories on the properties of materials exceeding their critical mass.

Do children of MITpeople become MITpeople themselves?

Some MITpeople who are or who have been married do have children. It is often brought up in custody suits that MITparents should not keep the children because they will become MITpeople. Current studies seem to indicate that children reared in Cambridge to the point where they can make "fateful decisions" show a higher probability of becoming MITpeople if one or more of their parents were MITpeople.

How do parents deal with MIT-children?

Parents tend to act irrationally, withholding money from the children in such instances. A few parents, usually those with oodles of dough, insist that if the child is happy, then they will also be happy. Rarely, a child, upon asserting his MITpeople-ness, may cause the parent to admit that he, too is a "closet MITperson," a touching moment, indeed.

## perspectives

## feedback

## Technique '78 and Grogo

To the Editor:

As the Managing Board of Technique 1978, we would like to respond to some criticism that we have heard regarding the current issue of the yearbook, and we hope to explain our position before any further problems arise.

The complaint we have heard concerns the last page of the book, where Grogo is depicted rising above the horizon in a "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" setting. Picturing Grogo on the last page is a Technique tradition; Grogo has been the symbol of Technique for 50 years, first appearing in the 1929 volume. Originally, he was a demon symbolizing the honorary society of Technique. Grogo has been in his present form since the early '60's, when he was discovered in a Park Square novelty shop. Although we can no longer obtain these sculptures, until recently they have been awarded yearly to staff members in consideration of the time they have invested in the yearbook.

Apparently, some people feel that any mention now of Grogo is inherently racist, since it brings to mind the controversy of last fall. We disagree; first of all, because Grogo has been a symbol, not of racism, but of our book, for many years — we do not call him Harvey, we do not say that his home is Kampala, Uganda, and we did not give permission for our symbol's use in the Freshman Pic-

turebook. (If, instead, the picture had been a photo of a freshman, used in some derogatory manner without his permission, would it now be racist to print his photograph or to mention his name?)

We do not think that the controversy of last fall should be forgotten. It serves as a valuable reminder to those of us in the campus media that we must be sensitive to the feelings of others. Would people have been upset if we had reported the controversy as a regular journalistic item?

The rhetoric and debate last fall did, unfortunately, have a negative effect. This was to polarize the campus around the issues of minority rights versus freedom of the press, when it should have been minority rights versus racism, and both sides were responsible for this mistake. Minority rights and press freedom cannot exist without one another — witness South Africa.

We are sorry if we have offended anyone. However, we hope that the struggle against racism does not get bogged down in squabbles over meaningless symbols.

Daniel M. Gauger '79  
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## feedback

### Greytak corrects article

To the Editor:

Thank you for the article "MIT advising system under investigation" which appeared in Tuesday's edition of *The Tech* telling the MIT community about the Faculty's plan to study undergraduate advising and counseling.

The ad-hoc faculty committee on advising would like to solicit written comments on any aspects of advising and counseling at MIT. These should be sent to the Chairperson of any one of the three faculty committees involved in the study: Prof. Robert Hulsizer (Committee on Educational Policy), NE40-410, Prof. Sherry Turkle (Committee on Student Environment), 20D-212, or Prof. Thomas Greytak

(Committee on Academic Performance), 13-2074. At a later time we will schedule an open meeting with members of the student body.

I would like to take this opportunity to correct an inaccuracy which was contained in Tuesday's article. Neither Prof. Hulsizer nor I have suggested, nor do we believe, that the upperclass advising program should be united under one authority. I did mention to your reporter that it might be a good idea for the coordinators of upperclass advising from each department to meet together about once a term to discuss problems of mutual interest.

Thomas J. Greytak  
May 4, 1978

### She refused ring in '76

To the Editor:

While basking in the golden California sunshine and perusing my belatedly arrived copies of *The Tech*, I was confounded with distortions in two articles (4/4 and 4/7) concerning the ethicality of accepting free class rings. Trying to strengthen their arguments, the authors of both articles claimed that all members of the Class of 1978 Ring Committee eventually succumbed to the offer, despite their original good intentions. Wrong indeed, intrepid journalists! At least one of them didn't. Although I am no longer

at MIT, I still very much resent being lumped and labeled as one of the more grafty and greasy members of past committees who found room in their consciences to accept the gifts. I hope this sets the record straight.

Alicia M. Abels '78  
Class of 1978 Ring Comm.  
Member  
April 29, 1978

### APO thanks all for Open House

To the Editor:

I wish to thank all the members of the MIT Community who helped make Open House '78 a success.

There are too many people who helped for me to list them all, but the News Office, the Office of the Dean For Student Affairs, the Chancellor's Office, Physical Plant, all the department staff who participated, and especially the students who helped, deserve special thanks.

Hy Tran '79  
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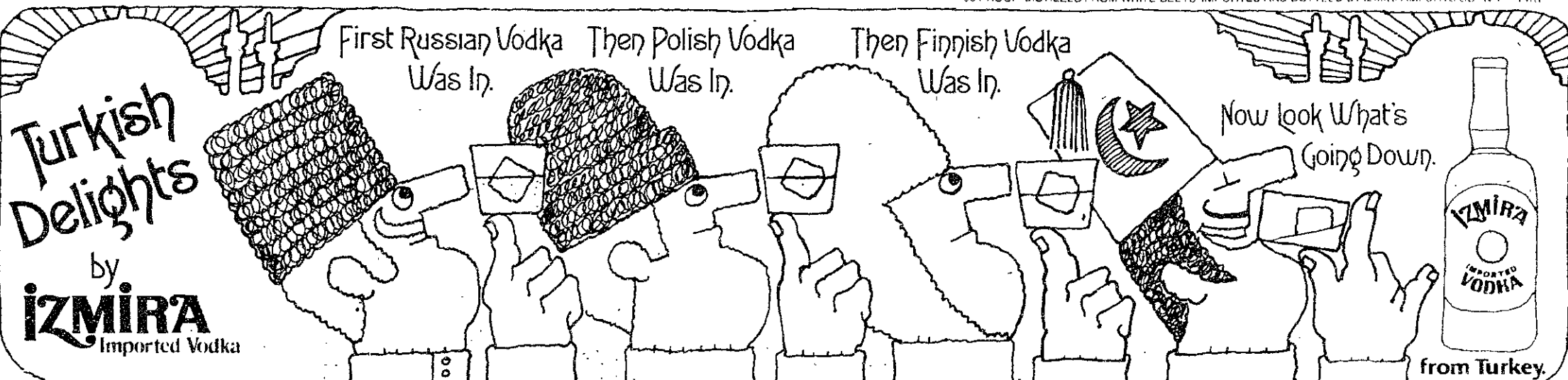
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## arts

# You can't take it with you, so go see it

**You Can't Take it With You** by Ross and Kaufman; performed by MIT Dramashop. Performances Thursday through Saturday May 11-13 at 8pm in Kresge Little Theatre. Tickets \$2.50.

By Benson Margulies

Once again MIT's Dramashop has demonstrated its ability to produce plays filled for the most part with memorable characterizations and superior production

support. *You Can't Take it With You* has some of the most distinctive characters in American Drama: The Sycamore family, a collection of off the wall people, the likes of which have rarely been seen. The patriarch of the family is Mr. Martin Vanderhof. (Andrew Piecka '72) an elderly gentleman who decided 35 years before the time of the play that the normal grind of the business world just wasn't what he wanted to do. So

he quit, and spends his days collecting snakes and watching college commencements. He lives with his daughter, Penny Sycamore (Joan Tolentino), who began writing plays eight years earlier because a typewriter was delivered to the house by mistake. Penny's husband Paul (Ignezio Bellafiore '81) spends his time manufacturing fireworks in the basement with Mr. Depinna (Robert Schaffer '79), a former

iceman who came into the house years before and just "never left."

The plot is mostly concerned with a love story involving Alice Sycamore (Sharon Lowenheim '79). Alice falls in love with Tony (Albert Ruesga '80), the son of the boss of a Wall Street firm where she works. These two have the hardest parts; their characters are the closest to "normal" people in the play and are thus the most difficult to play convincingly. Ruesga brings his end off rather well; he is quite believable as the young lover convinced that everything will come out all right in the end. Lowenheim is another story. Her character is afraid that her lovable but crazy family will never coexist successfully with Tony's stuffy parents. As the play progresses it becomes apparent that Alice is almost more stuffy than the parents. Lowenheim has some trouble with this rather dated attitude; at one point when she was supposed to rush off the stage in tears she sounded more like she was laughing.

This typifies the only noticeable flaw of the play, which is the dated quality of some of the jokes. Much of the audience had trouble with a series of lines dealing with expatriot Russian Czarist nobility, and there were several other obscure references. These are more than made up for by the surprisingly modern jokes about sex and marriage which crop up here and there. I suspect that the members of the cast that had the most fun were Barbara Masi '81 and Mark de Lemos '78, who played Tony's stuffy parents. In the second act they get a series of lines about sex, lust, and bathrooms that is one of the high points of the play.

The production support of the play is at its usual excellent level. The set is incredibly elaborate, down to an actual printing press. The firework effects were also excellently done. There is no question that this production is well worth seeing.

## happenings

### AROUND MIT

**Mike Peters Lecture**, Tues. May 9 at 8pm in Kresge. Admission free, tickets available at LSC office or the information office.

**Mit Chamber Players** perform the works of Bach, Devienne and Hummel; Fri., May 8, at 8pm in Kresge. Admission Free.

**1st Annual Spring Sing**, featuring the Amherst Zumbies, the Wellesley Widows, and the sponsoring MIT Chorallaries, Fri., May 12 at 7:30pm in the Sala de Puerto Rico; free.

**East Campus Spring Blow-Out**, "a bash of epic proportions" sponsored by UA, Dormcon and E.C. Soccomm at East Campus, Fri., May 12, 9pm.

**Noon-Hour Concerts**, A group of baroque violins and violas performing works of Telemann, C.P.E. Bach, Haydn, and Mozart. Thurs., May 11, 12:10pm, Chapel, free.

**You Can't Take It With You**, presented by MIT Dramashop, Thur.-Sat., May 11-13 at 8pm in Kresge Little Theatre. Tickets \$2.50, call x3-4720, on sale in Lobby 10 and at the door.

**Spring Concert**: John Corley conducts the MIT Concert Band, which will perform a program that includes: *Royce Hall Suite* by Healey Willan, *Suite, Op. 46* by John Bovicchi, and *Symphony No. 2* by Robert E. Jager. Sat., May 13, 8pm in Kresge. Admission free.

**The MIT Community Players** present *In The Matter of J. Robert Oppenheimer*, directed by Joel Hersh, May 18, 19, & 20; 8pm. Kresge, tickets \$3, \$2.50 with MIT ID. For information call x3-4720.

**Gyorgy Kepes**, MIT Years '45-'77 at the Hayden Gallery thru June 9, Sun.-Fri., 10am-4pm.

### AT THE MOVIES

**Little Boy**, by Danny Lyon, sponsored by the Dept. of Arch., Tues., May 9, Room E21-10 at 7pm.

**The Odd Couple**, the Mid Nite movie, Sat., May 13; 2nd floor of Student Center; free.

*This weekend's LSC lineup:*

**Young Frankenstein** (Fri.) 7 & 9:30pm in Kresge.

**Demon Seed** (Sat.) 7 & 9:30pm in 26-100.

**King of Hearts** (Sun.) 6:30 & 9pm in 26-100.

### IN TOWN

**Off The Wall** and The Cambridge Arts Council present *The American Short Story: A Film Series*, at Off The Wall, Monday through Friday afternoons, May 15-19. Admission free.

**The Manhattan**, with B.T. Express at the Orpheum Theatre, May 11 at 7:30pm; tickets \$7.50 & 8.50.

**Pousette-Dart Band**, at the Orpheum Theatre, May 13 at 8pm, tickets \$6.50 & \$7.50.

**Jefferson Starship**, May 19 & 20 at the Music Hall; tickets \$8.50-\$9.50.

### IN THEATRE

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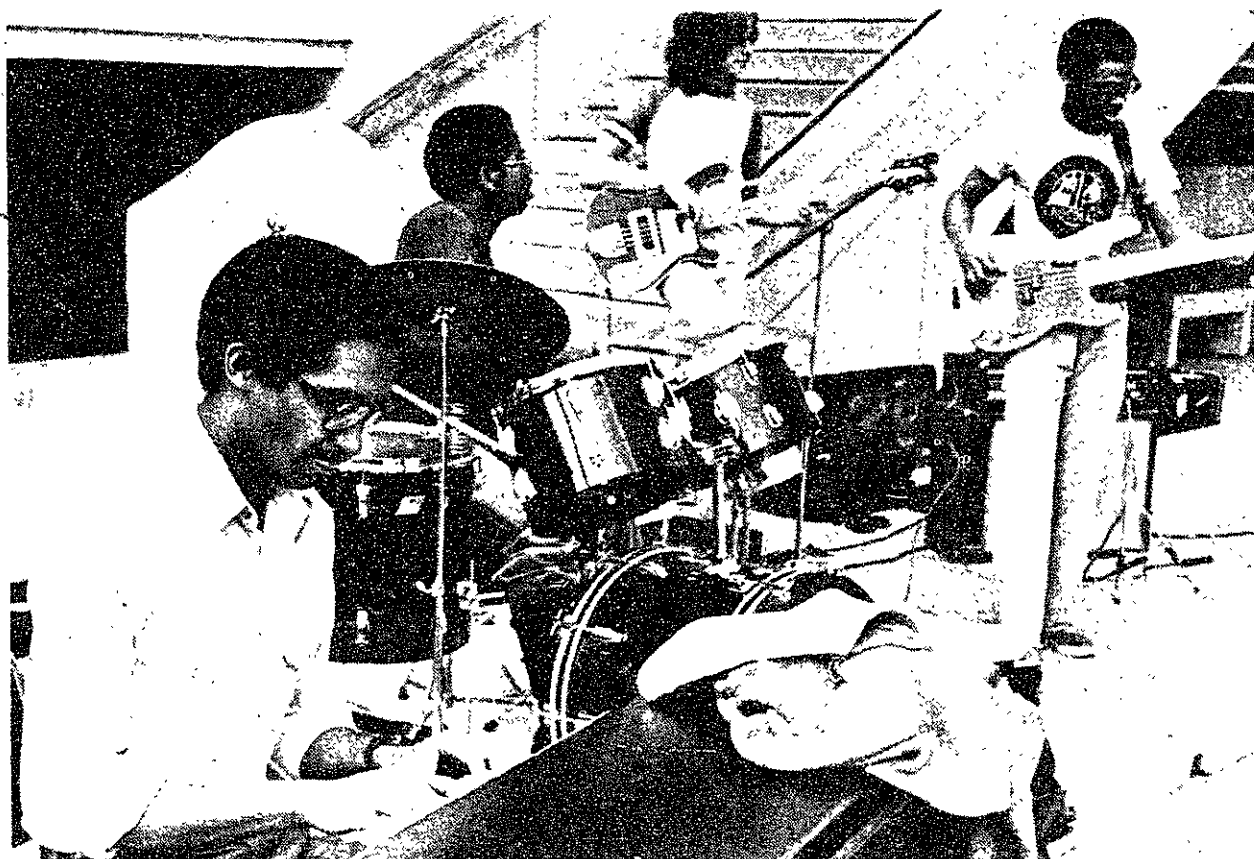




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# sports

## Batterman looks back at 22-year coaching career

By Gregg Stave

Many changes have taken place in athletics at MIT in the past two decades. Swimming and diving expert Professor Charlie Batterman has been a coach and instructor here for 22 years. In a recent conversation, Batterman discussed the history and future of athletics at MIT.

There have been several great moments in sports for MIT, according to Batterman. At the top of the list was the 1958 lacrosse team which started the season with no prior playing experience

and won the NCAA Division II National Championship. Other spectacular team performances include the soccer team Batterman coached more than fifteen years ago, which beat Harvard twice and Navy once. On an individual level Brian Moore took third in the NCAA College Division hammer throw in 1973. Also in track, Frank Richardson '77, a distance runner, won the NCAA Division III 10,000 meter run. Rick Ehrlich '77 and Bob Hone '79 both won All-American honors in diving in the same year. Athletics at MIT, however, ex-

tends far beyond the varsity level. There has been an incredible expansion of the physical education program. Courses offered run the gamut from scuba diving to rock climbing. Major changes have been made to enlarge the athletic program in the last ten years. Women's athletics is a prime example. Batterman recalled that when he came to MIT after seven years at Harvard, there was no physical education requirement and no teams for women. Presently there are ten varsity teams and several clubs for women.

During Professor Batterman's

years at Harvard only the best players were coached. Others played on "house teams" and received no attention. In this sense, MIT's program is unique. There are opportunities on every level so that students can participate in activities geared to their ability and interest. "Instructors," Batterman stated, "feel that teaching is as important as coaching. Which doesn't mean that they don't want to win."

The image of sport at MIT has been changing. An article in *Sports Illustrated* in the spring of 1975 was very helpful. Previously, it was common for people to be surprised to discover that MIT fielded teams.

While outsiders' opinions of MIT sports are rising, the collective team record is falling. "MIT coaches make athletes of anyone who comes in." Considering the lack of high school experience, there have been an amazing number of swimmers, wrestlers, divers, tennis players and soccer players here who have achieved national recognition. Mark Smith '78, who placed sixth in this year's Nationals in fencing, never saw a foil before coming to school here.

Active recruiting by other schools has taken its toll on MIT. Other schools have been changing their philosophies towards sports. Batterman feels that in the future

it will become more and more difficult for MIT to remain competitive. To counter this trend, Batterman believes that MIT "should have special considerations for athletes in the admissions process." He feels that if two applicants are equal academically and one is an athlete, the athlete should be given priority. Batterman is opposed, however, to accepting athletes without regard to academic credentials.

MIT has been blessed with consistently good coaches. Anyone, given talented athletes to work with, suddenly becomes a good coach. "You don't need to know a lot of scientific principles or have any physical insights into the sport to be a good coach, but you must to be a great coach." Batterman is the author of *The Techniques of Springboard Diving*, the first attempt to apply basic physics to the art of diving. Many MIT coaches use "a scientific approach," a methodology that has now been widely copied.

Some things haven't changed in twenty years. There has never been a charge for an MIT athletic event and that will not change in the near future. And Professor Charlie Batterman, four times National diving champion, can still be found at the Alumni Pool teaching swimming and diving.

## Football looks for recognition

By Tom Curtis

The football club has lined up equipment, a coach, and a tentative schedule for the fall, but the club has not yet received official recognition through either the Athletic Association or the Association of Student Activities.

The club recently acquired some equipment from the Rochester Institute of Technology, where the football team was disbanded last year. Most of the equipment is only a year old and was obtained at a price well below that of new equipment.

The club has also found a head coach for next fall. He is Theodore Rose, who has coaching experience at several high schools and at Harvard, Tufts, and Brown. Rose has also been a member of the Patriots' scouting staff.

The club's tentative schedule

for next year includes two scrimmages and five games. Highlights of the schedule are games with Duquesne College on October 7 and Brooklyn College on October 21. The season opener is tentatively scheduled for September 22 at Fitchburg State. All the games would be away.

The major problem of the football club is receiving official recognition and finances from MIT. A few weeks ago, the club applied for recognition through the ASA. However, that application has since been withdrawn.

The club has also applied for an interest-free FinBoard loan which would pay for the equipment. The loan would be paid back over the next four years through fundraising.

No application through the Athletic Association has been made yet. According to Jim Dunlay '79 of the club, the reason the club did not apply to the

Athletic Association originally was "a general feeling of objections by the Athletic Association." However, the club will apply this week. Assistant Athletic Director John Barry will act as the club's advisor in drafting its proposal to the Athletic Association and Athletic Board.

Recognition would give the club the right to use "MIT" in its name and give the club the power to deal with MIT as an official organization.

The club is still trying to find field space for practice in the fall. On Friday in a meeting with Barry, Bruce Wrobel '79, the president of the club, and Dunlay discussed the possibilities with Barry. The field which is used for the hammer throw in the spring is not usually used by varsity teams in the fall. If the field could be gotten in shape, Barry says he has "no objections" to the club's use of it.

Other problems such as use of the trainer and insurance have also not been solved. Official recognition may help eliminate these problems, however.

## Penn clips oarsmen

By Jim Van Dusen

Another impressive effort by the Tech lightweight crew team fell just short of victory this past Saturday, as the University of Pennsylvania outmuscled MIT's first boat, finishing one second on top, 6:17.3 to 6:18.3, in Philadelphia. Navy finished third with a time of 6:27.3.

The lightweights, about a length down at the 1400 meter mark, pulled up almost even. Penn countered with a power drive that put them about one-half length up. The Tech oarsmen again tried to pull ahead, with about fifteen strokes to go. Penn, however, finished with the narrow victory, and is ranked number one for the upcoming Eastern Sprints on May 14.

The lights are clearly in the running for a victory at the Sprints next Sunday. "There are six crews at the top, with MIT right in there," said Coach Bill Miller. "We've been giving every crew we race a really tough battle. This week we're going to be working to gain those few seconds we've been losing by."

The second varsity boat, composed of bow, Jim Leary '79; 2, Paul Bordley '80; 3, Tim Carroll '79; 4, Chris Hamkins '80; 5, Tom Jones '79; 6, Dave Lerner '80; 7, Don Bollinger '80; stroke, Gare Reid '80; and coxswain John Donahue '77, came up short in its race, finishing with a time of 6:46.6 to Penn's 6:38.1 and Navy's 6:45.6. The JV has been facing stiff competition this season. "The boat has been performing very well, especially with two novice oarsmen coming in to play a big part in the boat," said Miller.

A strong start didn't hold for the first frosh boat (bow, Chip

Hance; 2, Phil Kauffman; 3, Mark McMillan; 4, Pete Gaston; 5, Eric Scharpf; 6, Gary Nebin; 7, Mark Findeis; stroke and captain, Dave Robinson; and cox, Jim Schutz). The Tech frosh led for the first part of the race, but finished behind Penn, 6:51.4 to 6:56.9.

"There were a few rough spots in the race that we'll be working on this week," said frosh coach Pete Billings '74, a former MIT lightweight.

In crew, it is traditional for boats to bet shirts over a race, with the winner getting the "spoils of victory." The second frosh were the only MIT crew to leave Philadelphia with shirts, as they proved themselves tougher and faster than their Penn counterparts. The boat, bow, Jeff Anderson; 2, Tim Garcia; 3, Doug Savage; 4, Jim Scutti '80; 5, Mike Savin; 6, Mike Muchnik; 7, Ray Casaprima; stroke, Matt Thompson; and cox, Roger Goun, finished over a length ahead of Penn.

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